

**MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF HOLLYWOOD PARK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Villarreal called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Voorhies

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Villarreal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members of the City Council present: Mayor Oscar Villarreal, and Councilmembers Sean Moore, Debbie Trueman, Michael Voorhies, Mayor Pro Tem Delaine Hall, and Glenna Pearce.

V. REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS [2:12]

1. Fire Department monthly report

- Fire Chief John Butrico reported 63 calls for service in March with an average response time of 5 minutes and 54 seconds.

2. Police Department monthly report

- Police Chief Shad Prichard reported 382 calls for service in March and 125 citations.

3. Public Works Department monthly report

- Public Works Director Kelly Cowan reported 17 Voigt Center rentals, 67 code enforcement cases, and announced a new departmental hire, an unarmed security for the pool, splash pad maintenance, and an update on the sinkhole.

4. Finance monthly report by City Treasurer

- City Treasurer Fred Timmons provided an overview of revenues and expenditures, and information about the street maintenance tax.

5. Administration Department monthly report by City Secretary

- City Secretary Patrick Aten reported 24 open record requests, 50 defendants in Municipal Court, 81 permits processed in March, and announced pool passes on sale as well as election dates and locations.

6. City Attorney monthly report on any matter not posted on the agenda

- no report

7. Mayor's monthly report on any matter not posted on the agenda

- Mayor Villarreal thanked the department heads for their teamwork.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION [37:41]

- Michael Hall thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their work.
- Barry Jackson spoke about his concern regarding the lawsuit involving the Voigt Center.

- Patrick Aten read an email from David Swan about Tonya Cummings resigning from the Deer Committee.
- Patrick Aten read an email from John Zoll about speeding traffic on Meadowbrook Drive.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA [43:41]

1. Approval of the Minutes for the March 15 City Council Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements as of February 28.
3. Approval of a resolution for bank signatures.
4. Approval of the transfer of funds from TexPool to Plains Capital Bank.
5. Approval of the purchase of radios for the Police Department.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked if the Fire Department would be getting radios.
 - Councilmember Trueman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS [45:41]

1. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance for the creation of an ethics code.
 - Ryan Henry introduced the item and clarified the ordinance with the two options regarding Councilmembers hiring employees for personal use.
 - During Citizen Comments, Wendy Gonzalez and Chester Drash asked for clarification as to who the ordinance applied to.
 - Ryan Henry clarified a portion for the proposed ethics code regarding the roles of Councilmembers.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Hall moved to approve the item with option 2 (prohibiting individual members of Council from hiring City employees). Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS [1:05:55]

1. Discuss and consider approval of a contract extension and rate increase with Tiger Sanitation.
 - Kelly Cowan introduced the item.
 - Lee Kuhn spoke about specifics of the rate increase.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to approve the contract extension and rate increase to \$25.66. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. Discuss and consider approval of a contract for the fire bay expansion project.
 - Patrick Aten presented the item.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked about the location of bunker gear within the bay.
 - Councilmember Pearce moved to approve the item. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution authorizing expenditure of EDC funds to assist with the construction to extend the fire apparatus bay of the Town of Hollywood Park Fire Department.
 - Mayor Villarreal presented the item.

- Councilmember Trueman moved to approve the item. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. Discuss and consider approval of award for fuel storage tanks and supply.
 - Chief Butrico presented the item and described how the system will work.
 - Councilmember Trueman moved to approve the item. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 5. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending Section 58-150 of the Code of ordinances regarding hours of operation for parks and city facilities.
 - Kelly Cowan presented the item.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to approve the item. Councilmember Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 6. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding attendance and membership of Town boards.
 - Mayor Villarreal presented the item.
 - The ordinance contains attendance requirements, Town residency requirements, and prohibition of Councilmembers on Town boards.
 - Councilmember Trueman stated that the proposed ordinance was too lenient.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to amend the proposed ordinance that any member who misses three meetings in a 12-month period automatically vacates their position. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion to amend which passed unanimously.
 - Councilmember Moore moved to approve the item with the amendments. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 7. Discuss and consider confirmation of the mayoral appointment of members to the Board of Appeals.
 - Mayor Villarreal and Patrick Aten presented the item.
 - Councilmember Pearce clarified that the appointments were likely temporary since there would be a new Mayor soon, all members have construction experience, and the new Mayor will select members according to his duty and preference.
 - Councilmember Trueman moved to approve the item. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 8. Discuss and consider action to determine options for filling the anticipated unexpired term for City Council Place 1.
 - Councilmember Pearce presented the item. She expressed that she wanted a procedure that was not setting a precedent, that she liked the ideas of advertising the vacancy through Get Connected, any resident interested in Place 1 send in a bio, resume, or application to the City Secretary, and having an executive session on the matter, if necessary, as well as the possibility of those interested having the opportunity to speak before Council.

- Councilmember Trueman spoke in favor the idea of interested residents sending in resumes to the City Secretary, but that Council could select from those applications or not.
- Councilmember Moore spoke in favor of giving preference to a candidate who lost the contested election but has been through public scrutiny, and if that person is not interested in Place 1 then going through an application process.
- Mayor Pro Tem Hall spoke in favor of giving preference to a candidate that ran for office.
- Councilmember Voorhies stated that someone who ran should not get preference over someone else who is also qualified.
- Mayor Villarreal spoke in favor of the process being enacted after the vacancy occurs.
- During Citizen Comments, Chester Drash spoke in favor of the Council selecting the best person for the position, Todd Kounse spoke against the loser of Place 2 being selected for Place 1, and in favor of putting in place a process for a vacancy. Patrick Aten read an email from David Swan in favor of waiting until the new Council is in place to decide the matter.
- Councilmember Pearce moved to approve a process for filling the anticipated unexpired term for City Council Place 1 to appear on the May 17 agenda with the process including opening up the process for candidates to the public through advertisement, having interested residents send information to the City Secretary by May 10, and having the bios, resumes, or applications included in the May 17 agenda packet. Councilmember Trueman seconded the motion which passed 3-2, with Councilmember Moore and Mayor Pro Tem Hall opposed.

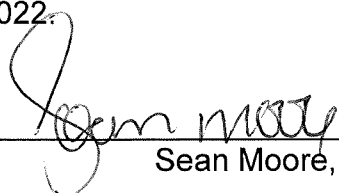
X. EXECUTIVE SESSION [2:20:32]

1. Deliberate the appointment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or removal of the City Attorney in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.
 - City Council did not recess into Executive Session.
 - In open session, Mayor Villarreal asked to delay this item for the next City Council so they could choose their legal representation.
 - Councilmembers Trueman, Voorhies, and Pearce stated they believed the RFQ was issued for personal reasons.
 - Ryan Henry stated some of the options for the Council and the next Council.
 - Councilmember Pearce moved to rescind the RFQ for legal services. The motion died for lack of a second.
 - No action was taken.

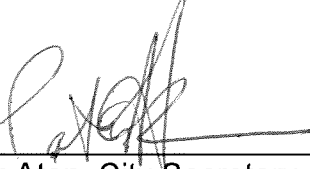
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Villarreal adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were approved on May 17, 2022.


Sean Moore, Mayor

Attest:



Patrick Aten, City Secretary

